The Constitution (Eighty-Eighth) Amendment Bill, 1999

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): I beg to move for leave to introduce the Constitution (Eighty-eighth) Amendment Bill, 1999, to incorporate a proviso to Article 335 of the Constitution with a view to enable the State to restore the relaxations in qualifying marks in any examination and lowering the standards of evaluation in the matter of reservation and promotion of SCs & STs. It may be recalled that these relaxations had been withdrawn as per the instructions issued by the Department of Personnel & Training on 22.7.97 in pursuance of the Supreme Court judgment dated 1.10.96 in the case of Shri S. Vinod Kumar versus Union of India. The Bill seeks to restore the relaxation of qualifying marks, standards of evaluation in the matters of reservation in promotion as were prevalent before 22.7.97. With these words, I beg to move for leave to introduce the Constitution (Eighty-eighth Amendment) Bill, 1999.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

The Lotteries (Prohibition) Bill, 1999

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce the Lotteries (Prohibition) Bill, 1999.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI L.K. ADVANI: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MOTION FOR REFERENCE OF THE PROTECTION OF PLANT VARIETIES AND FARMERS' RIGHTS BILL, 1999 TO JOINT COMMITTEE

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT(SHRI NITISH KUMAR): Sir, I move the following Motion:-

"That this House concurs in the recommendation of the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do join in the Joint Committee of the